dominant undertakings given in the Act.

2. All the above undertakings are referred to as "MRTP Undertakings" or "MRTP Companies". The undertakings belonging to the first category are usually referred to as the "large industrial houses", while those Belonging to the second, category are referred to as 'dominant undertakings'.

3. At present, the industrial licensing policy is being applied in the same manner to both these categories of MRTP Companies. In the context Of the increase in the threshold asset value under the MRTP Act for large industrial houses to Rs. 100 crores and the liberalisation in licensing policy being followed by the Government, the position relating to MRTP undertakings which are only dominant undertakings, but whose assets are less than Rs. 100 crores, has been reviewed for the purposes of industrial licensing. It has been decided that the licensing policy restrictions applicable to MRTP corn-panes will be confined only to those MRTp companies that belong to the category of "large industrial houses", that is to say, those MRTP companies that fall under Section 20(a) of the MRTP Act. In rsepect of MRTP companies that belong to the category of "dominant" undertakings, that is to say, those MRTP companies that fall under Section 20(b) only of the MRTP Act, the licensing policy restrictions would be confined only to the product (s) in respect of wnich they are classified as dominant. In respect of other products, they will be treated on par with non-MRTP companies for the purposes of industrial licensing policy. Accordingly they can avail of the benefits and facilities given by the Government in various Press Notes and notifications for non-MRTp companies.

4. It must be emphasized that the benefits mentioned above for MRTP ocmpanies falling under Section 20(b) only of the MRTP Act apply in respect of industrial licensing policy only and there is no' relaxation of the provisions of the MRTP Act applicable to them. It is further clarified that where an MRTP company is covered by both Sections 20(a) and 20(b) of the MRTP Act the provisions of this Press Note will not apply to it.

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**Representation made by the citizens Committee of Baramasia and Dauhan tand Ward No. 21 of Dhanbad Municipality**

1419. SHRI SAMAR MUKHER-JEE; Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a petition dated 13th March, 1988, from the Citizens' Committee of Baramasia and Dauhatand Ward No. 21 of Dhanbad Municipality has been received by the Post Master General, Patna;

(b) if so, what are the details of the representation; and

(c) what action has been taken on the points raised therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) A petition dated 13-3-88 from some Citizens of Baramasia and Dauhatand Ward No. 21 of Dhanbad Municipality was received.

(b) In the representation, the following issues were raised:—

(i) the number of deliveries in their area was reduced from 3 to 1.

(ii) that the delivery is under-tain for want of sufficient staff.

(iii) a delivery post office at Baramasia be opened.

(c) Some of the signatories to the petition were contacted by an official of the Post Office on 12-7-88. Though the number of deliveries was reduced from 3 to 2, in accordance with the policy of the Department, there was no irregular delivery or non-delivery of mails. A Delivery Post Office in this locality is not justified.

**Functioning of Telephone System in West Bengal**

1420. SHRI SAMAR MUKHER-JEE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state;

(a) whether complaints about manufacturing of the ten group dialing telephone systems in West Bengal coalfields were received by Government;

(b) if so, whether it is contemplated to replace the old, obsolete telephone exchanges by electronic ones by any specified time;

(c) whether it is a fact that electronic exchailge. 'installed at Bara-bazar, Calcutta has increased the telephone revenue from that exchange by ten fold from Rs. 12 lakn to Rs. 1.20 crore; and

(d) whether Government propose to advance the programme of electronic exchange in West Bengal coalfields by importing equipments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Department has a plan to replace the telephone ex changes in Asansol coal belt areas by electronic ones. Thlis includes Asansol, Burnpur, Raniganj. Barakar Neamatpur, Banula, Jamuria, Andal and Rupnarayanpur.

These exchanges are proposed to be replaced for which allotment has' already been made and equipment is likely to be supplied during 1989-90.

(c) Yes "Sir. There is substantial improvement in the revenue of the Bara Bazar exchanges though increase is not ten fold.

(d) No, Sir. There is no proposal to advance the programme of replacing the exchange with electronic ones by importing equipments. However, the exchange equipment will be of. indigenous type supplied by M/s. Indian Telephone IndustrieB.

**Electronic Telephone Exchange in Raniganj Asansol Area.**

1421. SHRI SAMAR MUKHER-JEE Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sanctioned the conversion of Raniganj-Asansol area telephone exchange into electronic automatic exchange; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to implement the scheme and what progress has so far been achieved in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) An allotment of 11,000 lines of local E.10B Electronic Telephone Exchange has been made for Asansol-Raniganj Coal Belt area. It is proposed in this project to replace the existing strow-ger exchanges by electronic exchanges.

(b) Detailed plans are under preparation for implementing this scheme.

**मध्य प्रदेश में बस्तर जिले के लिए सिंचाई/ विद्युत परियोजना को स्वीकृति**

1422. श्री अजीत जोगी : क्या ऊर्जा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश के आदिवासी बाहुल्य वाले बस्तर जिले के लिए कोई